

Remarks

The above claims are submitted to be patentable over the art of record for the following reasons.

Ruger et al Does Not Show a Camming Implement Distinct from a Triggerbar

The last O.A. rejected independent claim 173 on Ruger et al under Section 102(b). Claim 173 has been rewritten as new claim 181 to more clearly define patentably over this reference. Applicant requests reconsideration of this rejection, as now applicable to claim 181, for the following reasons.

(1) Claim 181 recites a camming implement distinct from a triggerbar. Ruger et al does not show this structure as claimed. Instead, the camming surface of Ruger et al is actually part of the triggerbar itself.

Ruger et al Does Not Show Blocking of a Sear Catch

The last O.A. rejected independent claim 178 on Ruger et al under Section 102(b). Claim 178 has been cancelled. Dependent claim 180 was deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Dependent claim 180 has been rewritten as new independent claim 188.

The Rejections of Dependent Claims On Ruger et al Are Overcome

Dependent claims 174-175 and 177 were rejected on Ruger et al under Section 102(b). These claims have been rewritten as new claims 182-183 and 185. Applicant requests reconsideration of these rejections, as now applicable to the renumbered claims for the following reasons.

(1) The independent claim upon which these claims are dependent has been rewritten to more clearly define patentably over this reference.

Non-Applied References Do Not Show The Invention

Applicant has reviewed the non-applied references. These references do not show the invention or render it obvious.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance

If for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. 706.03 (d) and 707.07 (j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very respectfully,

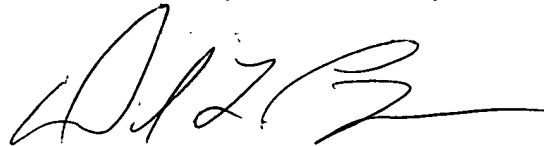


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